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Filed: June 21, 2001 Examiner: Kristie D. Shingles
Confirmation No.: 4746
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LOGICALLY EXPANDING
THE LENGTH OF A SEARCH KEY

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith are a Request for Continued Examination and a Reply for filing in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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* not fewer than 20

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SMALL ENTITY

| | RATE | ADDIT. FEE |
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| X | \$ 25 | \$ |
| X | \$ 100 | \$ |
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TOTAL= \$ 0

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| X | \$ 50 | \$ 0 |
| X | \$ 200 | \$ 0 |
| + | \$ 360 | \$ |

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Petition for Extension of Time

[] Applicant hereby petitions to extend the time to respond to the [] dated [] for [] month(s) from [] to []. The appropriate fee is set forth below.

[X] The undersigned attorney petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing an Appeal Brief pursuant to the Notice of Appeal received in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 13, 2005 for two months, from February 13, 2006 to April 13, 2006 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

In lieu of filing an Appeal Brief, Applicants' Attorney is filing a Request for Continued Examination concurrently herewith.

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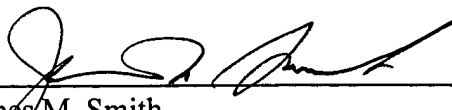
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